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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ALLIED FLIGHTS TO SCHOENEFELD

1. PAN AMERICAN BERLIN MANAGER GALLAGHER HAS ADVISED US HE RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS WHETHER PAN AMERICAN COULD OBTAIN GROUND SERVICE AT SCHOENEFEDL FOR PAN AM 707 CHARTER FLIGHT CARRYING GDR-MADE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FROM SCHOENEFELD TO DAMASCUS. AWARE OF POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH OPERATION, GALLAGHER RAISED SUBJECT WITH US. WE HAVE TOLD PAN AMERICAN WE WOULD NOT FAVOR FLIGHT FROM SCHOENEFELD AND WOULD, IF ASKED BY WASHINGTON, RECOMMEND THAT PAN AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS BE DISCOURAGED FROM THIS COURSE OF ACTION. WE SUGGESTED THAT FLIGHT FROM TEGEL OR TEMPELHOF WOULD BE IDEAL, BUT MORE REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE AIRPORT ELSEWHERE IN GDR SUCH AS LEIPZIG OR DRESDEN.

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2. PAN AM BERLIN DOES NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY THAT

DEPARTMENT RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH ITS NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS. GALLAGHER BELIEVES HE HAS SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION TO DISSUADE HEADQUARTERS FROM USE OF SCHOENEFELD, AND PLANS, INER ALIA, TO REFER TO PREVIOUS PAN AM DECISION NOT TO OPERATE A LOS ANGELES-SCHOENEFELD CHARTER, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT AND USBER (73 BERLIN 461, 73 STATE 030530). GALLAGHER SAID THIS FLIGHT EVENTUALLY WENT TO DRESDEN.

3. FOR DAMASCUS, FYI: WE WANT TO MINIMIZE USE OF EAST GERMAN AIRPORT SCHOENEFELD BY AIRLINES OF THREE WESTERN POWERS LEST SUCH USAGE DIMINISH IMPORTANCE OF WEST BERLIN AIRPORTS (TEGEL AND TEMPELHOF) AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO GDR OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING ISOLATION OF WEST BERLIN.
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